

CINCPAC PETERSON AFB CO//CC//
HQ USAF WASH DC//XOO/RDS/PAX//
HQ AFSC ANDREWS AFB MD//CC/SD//
HQ AFLC WPAFB OH//CC//
HQ SD LOS ANGELES AFS CA//YG/YG9//
HQ SAC OFFUTT AFB NE//SX//
INFO 1STRAD VANDENBERG AFB CA//DO//
AFETR PATRICK AFB FL//DO//
AFSCF SUNNYVALE AFS CA//VOD//
555ASTG PATRICK AFB FL//CC/TSP//

JCS WASH DC//EA//
ANMCC PORT RITCHIE MD//EA//
HQ SAC OFFUTT AFB NE//DO//
FTD WPAFB OH//SD//
ADCOM ALCOP MALMSTROM AFB MT//
JCS WASH DC//J-34 (STRAT OPS DIV)//
HQ ADCOM CHEYENNE MTN COMPLEX CO//J-3J//

1035TCHOG PATRICK AFB FL//DO//
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535CS WOOMERA AS AT//CC//

LT COL ELLENBURG/J-3FB/3307/22SEP80

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SUBJ: DSP LAUNCH INITIATION

1. REF: A. 3035 TCHOG/CC MSG (U) 11/1635Z AUG 80. FLIGHT 9
LAUNCH SUPPORT (NOTAL).

B. HQ SD/CC MSG (S) 08/1700Z AUG 80. DSP FLIGHT 9 JUSTI-
FICATION BRIEFING (NOTAL).

C. HQ SAC/CC MSG (U) 02/1500Z SEP 80. DSP FLIGHT 9
JUSTIFICATION BRIEFING (NOTAL).

D. HQ USAF/XO MSG (S) 31/2100Z SEP 80. DSP LAUNCH
APPROVAL (NOTAL).

2. BASED ON OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS AND USAF APPROVAL, CINCPAC
DIRECTS A DSP SATELLITE BE LAUNCHED. ADDRESSEES TAKE NECESSARY
ACTIONS TO PREPARE FOR THE LAUNCH. TENTATIVE LAUNCH DATE IS 30 FEB
1981. THE DATE AND SUBPOINT LOCATION FOR HANDOVER OF A FLIGHT-
CHECKED VEHICLE WILL BE PROVIDED IN SEPARATE MESSAGE.

3. AMPLIFYING REMARKS:

A. INJECTION OF FLIGHT 9 INTO GEOSYNCHRONOUS ORBIT SHOULD OCCUR
AT 98 DEGREES WEST WITH AN INITIAL ORBITAL INCLINATION OF 2 DEGREES.

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THE DIRECTION OF DRIFT, DRIFT RATE AND FINAL SUBPOINT LOCATION OF FLIGHT 9 WILL BE PROVIDED UPON COMPLETION OF DEPLOYMENT OPTIONS REVIEW.

B. HANDOVER OF FLIGHT 9 WILL OCCUR IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE BECAUSE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: (1) ALL NEW DSP SATELLITES ARE INITIALLY CHECKED OUT IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE SINCE A WESTERN HEMISPHERIC LOCATION ALLOWS A HIGHER AVAILABILITY OF GROUND STATION SUPPORT FROM BOTH THE SCF REMOTE TRACKING STATIONS AND THE DEDICATED DSP GROUND STATION RESOURCES; AND (2), FLIGHT 9 WILL REPLACE FLIGHT 6 IN THE CURRENT 3-SATELLITE DSP OPERATIONAL FORCE STRUCTURE.

C. APPROPRIATE AGENCIES WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE FINAL DEPLOYMENTS OF ALL DSP SATELLITES FOLLOWING CONCURRENCE ON THE CINCPAC DEPLOYMENT POSITION.

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